

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee  
Plainfield Energy Team  
Notes of 10/7/13 Meeting

Attending: Rich Phillips, Lawrence Black, Joel Trupin, John Morris, Nick Neifert,  
Dan Chodorkoff, Bob Atchinson, Anne Miller  
Convene: 7:10  
Adjourn: 8:20  
Business:

- 1) Approved notes of July 1<sup>st</sup>, August 5th, September 12<sup>th</sup> on 2013
- 2) Solar Subcommittee Has not met again since the potluck. The groups originally interested in-group solar have not progressed. Maybe group solar is too complicated? Rich suggested the subcommittee might want to develop a flyer that lists each solar installation in town, with pictures, statistics and contacts. This may help others to decide. Rich saw probably all the solar systems in town on the door hanger delivery and will provide that to the subcommittee.
- 3) The Twinfield Lighting Project is now into design. It should be bid in November or December and installed during the winter.
- 4) Weatherization
  - a. Rich distributed about 325 flyers with 4 home visits resulting
  - b. The Committee approved buying down the last \$100 for five audits making them free for the first five homeowners completing an audit.
  - c. Rich will post these free audits on FPF.
  - d. The next step is anticipated to be calling people that have the flyers to further encourage audits. Rich will prepare the call lists and Nick and Lawrence agreed to make some calls
  - e. Next Weatherization Subcommittee meeting is October 17th
- 5) Suggestions were made to include info on Solar Trackers each month, case studies and the free audits.
- 6) The solar sign is being finished at Sign Here
- 7) Agreed we need to use the bulletin board more and keep it updated. Rich needs to post the flyer hung on the doors around town.
- 8) There is a question whether the town should sign the PACE agreements now considering the difficulties presented by the delinquency collection process. Bobbi is not satisfied. Rich and Bobbi are trying to work something out.
- 9) Rich has been working with a group to come up with a legislative solution to the 4% net metering cap that several utilities have now are near to exceeding or have exceeded. This prevents homeowners from installing net metered solar if the utility already has reached the statutorily required minimum cap and they do not want to allow more systems. A legislative fix will be developed in conjunction with the Natural Resources and Energy Committees and local energy committees will promote the solution with their representatives and senators through county by county meetings